

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

An abstract of disclosure on a separate sheet is transmitted herewith.

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Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 8, with the following paragraph:

With the reference to Figs 1-5, a tire (10) having a ~~treat~~ tread (12) according to a first embodiment of the present invention is shown. The tread (12) when configured annularly has an axis of rotation R, first and second lateral edges (14, 16).